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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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ITS USE AS A COSMETIC

LETTER

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On May 30, 2003, Applicants filed an Amendment in this case in which it was stated that Applicants would submit a Rule 131 declaration demonstrating that the claimed invention was prepared in France prior to May 29, 2000. Attached hereto is this Rule 131 declaration.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

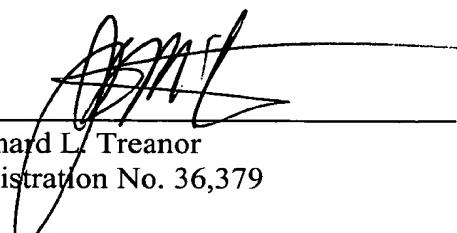
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

LETTER TO EXAMINER; and
EXECUTED RULE 131 DECLARATION OF JEAN-THIERRY
SIMONNET (2 pp.) w/Attached Laboratory Notebook Pages (6 pp.)

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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